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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER FOR WARNING

SUBJECT: Possible Ethiopian Invasion of Somalia

Reference: Memorandum for the Record, NFAC #4942-80, 14 July 1980,
subj: Soviet Military Intentions Toward Somalia.

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a reasonably persuasive case
can be made supporting the judgment that the Ethiopians believe the path
for solving their problems in the Ogaden is through a planned invasion
into northern Somalia. The evidence suggests that it would take place
relatively soon, probably within this coming year provided the other

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demands on the Ethiopians remain as they are now. Reliance on the conservatism of the Soviets to preach restraint after the completion of the Olympics may be misplaced. In any event, the risks to the Soviets [redacted]

[redacted] seem somewhat overdrawn given that the Somalis have been the announced aggressor in the area for some time. [redacted]

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5. I recommend that the community be required to make a judgment about the Ethiopian intentions for invading Somalia over the next year or so and provide that judgment to the policy makers in a timely fashion.

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